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GRONHOJ-LARSEN, et al.)	Examiner: HAMUD, Fozia
Serial No.: 09/101,825)	Washington, D.C.
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REQUEST TO VACATE

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The instant action, mailed August 26, 2003 is said to be responsive to the communication filed on April 9, 2003. However, it does not consider or even acknowledge the supplemental response (with Declaration and exhibit) filed on August 7, 2003. Consequently, it should be vacated as incomplete and defective.

We enclose courtesy copies of the response, declaration and exhibit, and of our postcard receipt for same.

Since this was a first supplemental reply to the nonfinal action mailed December 17, 2002, 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2) does not apply, and the supplemental papers should have been entered and considered as a matter of right.

37 CFR 1.104(b) requires that the examiner's action be "complete", which the August 26 action manifestly was not. The examiner must answer arguments made in traversing the rejections, see MPEP 707.07(f).

Since there is a defect in the original action, pursuant to MPEP 710.06, the office must take corrective action (i.e., mail a substitute or supplemental action), and set a new period of reply of at least 1 month which runs from the date the error is corrected.

MPEP 710.06 notes that "a supplementary action after a rejection explaining the references more explicitly or giving the

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reasons more fully, even though no further references are cited, establishes a new date from which the statutory period runs".

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Enclosure

- August 7, 2003 Supplemental Response
(with Declaration and exhibit)
- August 7, 2003 postcard receipt

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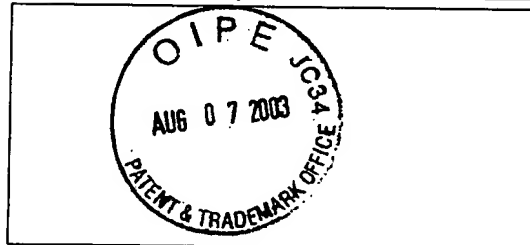


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